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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1967

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1967, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
6 amended by changing Section 35 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 947/35)

8 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

9 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider
10 applications for grant assistance under this Section. Subject
11 to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an applicant is
12 eligible for a grant under this Section when the Commission
13 finds that the applicant:

14 (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or
15 permanent resident of the United States; and

16 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be

1 deterred by financial considerations from completing an
2 educational program at the qualified institution of his or
3 her choice.

4 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the
5 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that
6 the applicant:

7 (1) has remained a student in good standing;

8 (2) remains a resident of this State; and

9 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to
10 warrant assistance.

11 (c) All grants shall be applicable only to tuition and
12 necessary fee costs. The Commission shall determine the grant
13 amount for each student, which shall not exceed the smallest of
14 the following amounts:

15 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year
16 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal
17 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser
18 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an
19 academic year;

20 (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters
21 tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the
22 institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

23 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be
24 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial
25 resources.

26 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for

1 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)
2 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made
3 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of
4 this subsection (c).

5 "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section
6 include the customary charge for instruction and use of
7 facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged
8 for specified purposes, which are required generally of
9 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the
10 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees
11 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent
12 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The
13 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this
14 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of
15 tuition and other necessary fees.

16 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving
17 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary
18 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a
19 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit
20 hours of award payments.

21 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to
22 be offered, shall in no instance assume greater monetary award
23 program funding than the program received during the previous
24 fiscal year. The Commission shall also, in determining the
25 number of grants to be offered, take into consideration past
26 experience with the rate of grant funds unclaimed by

1 recipients. The Commission shall notify applicants that grant
2 assistance is contingent upon the availability of appropriated
3 funds.

4 (e-5) In the event that appropriations in any fiscal year
5 prove insufficient to fulfill those monetary award program
6 grants awarded by the Commission through notification, the
7 Commission shall utilize necessary prorating equally between
8 the fall and spring academic semesters.

9 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit
10 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited
11 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended
12 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program
13 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary
14 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current
15 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

16 The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is
17 to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students
18 as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program
19 grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.
20 Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance
21 the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,
22 minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of
23 adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary
24 Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

25 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and
26 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit

1 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this
2 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such
3 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

4 (1) Beginning with the academic year 1997, only to
5 eligible first-time freshmen and first-time transfer
6 students who have attained an associate degree.

7 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to
8 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have
9 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a
10 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and
11 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

12 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
13 eligible students.

14 (Source: P.A. 95-917, eff. 8-26-08.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
16 2012.".